

Remarks

The Applicant hereby submits the foregoing amendments for consideration by the Examiner. Given the amendments, the Applicant contends that new Claims 18-28 are in condition for allowance, and hereby requests the same.

Rejection Under 35 USC 112, first paragraph

Claim 7 has been cancelled, and therefore the Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejection of that claim under section 112, first paragraph, can be withdrawn.

Rejection Under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

Claim 7 has been cancelled, and therefore the Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejection of that claim under section 112, second paragraph, can be withdrawn.

Rejection Under 35 USC 102

The Examiner previously rejected Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-10 and 16 under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Gable (U.S. Patent No. 6,029,165). Those claims have been cancelled, and therefore the Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejection under section 102(e) can be withdrawn.

The Applicant further submits that new Claims 18-28 are not anticipated by Gable. The system disclosed in Gable is a modified search engine. See Col. 3, lines 16-20. As described in Gable, that system operates through a hierarchy of electronic objects, topics, and queries. Each electronic object is associated with a user's community, such as accountancy, legal, human resources and the like. Topics are defined by the system architect and are organized by community, and each topic is associated with a predefined search query. Users may create topics according to the Gable disclosure, and thus communities can create ad hoc searching mechanisms for databases. See e.g. Col. 4, lines 5-60.

On the contrary, Claim 18 of the present invention includes a server configured to generate content associated with one or more fields of interest, the server further configured to enable reception and transmission of information related to one or more fields of interest, the server accessible by a plurality of users and a plurality of hosts. Gable does not disclose a

plurality of hosts for interacting between a server and a plurality of users. On the contrary, Gable only discloses that its users may use topics for improved electronic searching.

Claim 18 of the present invention also provides that the content is accessible and modifiable by the plurality users from any of the plurality hosts such that said content is substantially uniform for the plurality of users and the plurality of hosts. Gable only discloses that users may modify topics. However, as there is no plurality of hosts disclosed in Gable, it necessarily cannot disclose that any modification would be uniform for such a plurality. On the contrary, Gable specifically discloses the use of a profile module (38) that is configured by individual users to aid in their respective search efforts. Col. 6, line 54. Accordingly, Gable cannot be said to anticipate Claim 18, as Claim 18 recites that the content is modifiable *and* uniform for the plurality of users and hosts.

As such, the Applicant submits that Claim 18 is not anticipated by Gable. As Claims 19-28 all depend, directly or indirectly, from Claim 18, the Applicant respectfully submits that each of those claims are also in condition for allowance.


Rejection Under 35 USC 103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 5 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gable as applied to Claim 3 and further in view of the Applicant's admitted prior art (Internet Service Providers). Claims 3, 5 and 11 have been cancelled, and therefore the Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejection under section 103(a) can be withdrawn.

Summary

In light of the above amendment, consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 500282.

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